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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of: :
NOBUMASA SUZUKI :) Examiner: L. Alejandro
Application No.: 09/657,971 :) Group Art Unit: 1763
Filed: September 8, 2000 :)
For: MICROWAVE PLASMA :)
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO SECOND NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Applicant hereby responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 24, 2001.

As background, Applicant first received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 7, 2001 indicating that the Amendment dated August 28, 2001 filed in this reissue application did not include a clean copy of the claims. Applicant responded to that Notice by submitting a clean copy of all the pending claims, which had been inadvertently omitted from the Amendment, in a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 17, 2001.

Subsequently, another Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 24, 2001 has been received. This Notice indicates that the Amendment filed September 18, 2001 is

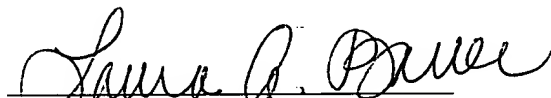
considered non-compliant for not including a clean version of the claims and for not including a marked-up version of the claims. Applicant notes that what was filed on September 18, 2001 was not an Amendment, but a responsive paper forwarding the information said to be missing from the file.

In a telephone conversation with the Examiner today, she recommended re-filing the Amendment dated August 28, 2001 together with the clean copy of the claims so that both papers are presented together. Accordingly, attached please find another copy of the Amendment dated August 28, 2001 together with the clean copy of the claims submitted on September 18, 2001.

The Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney in the event further information is needed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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